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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE - K. R. PRABHUDESAI

SUMMARY. K. R. PRABHUDESAI, BOMBAY TRADE UNION AND COOPERATIVE OFFICIAL, WILL ATTEND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUILDING AND WOOD WORKERS (IFBWW) IN WASHINGTON, D. C. JUNE 30- JULY 4, AND MONTREAL JULY 4-JULY 8. FOLLOWING IFBWW MEETINGS PRABHUDESAI WOULD LIKE 8-10 DAY PROGRAM IN US ON UNION- TO- UNION BASIS. WILL BE TICKETED BOMBAY/ WASHINGTON/ MONTREAL AND RETURN BUT PROBABLY WILL NEED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE, HOSPITALITY AND SOME TRAVEL WITHIN US. CONGEN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. K. R. PRABHUDESAI, TREASURER OF HMS AFFILIATED TRANSPORT AND DOCK WORKERS UNION, BOMBAY, HOLDER VARIOUS OTHER UNION POSITIONS HERE, AND SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF ASIAN COUNTRIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IFBWW, WILL ATTEND IFBWW EXECUTIVE MTG WASHINGTON, D. C. JUNE 30- JULY 4 AND MONTREAL JULY 4-8. FOLLOWING MONTREAL MEETING, PRABHUDESAI WISHES RETURN TO US FOR 8-10 DAY PROGRAM VISITING AND MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMENS AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, SAN FRANCISCO, AFL- CIO OFFICIALS WASHINGTON, RETAIL CLERKS' LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AND VARIOUS COOPERATIVES AND CREDIT UNIONS IN US. PRABHUDESAI IS DIRECTOR OF BOMBAY PORT AND DOCK WORKERS COOPERATIVE AND IS REGARDED AS A LEADING FIGURE IN DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE UNION COOPERATIVES IN INDIA. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AT THIS TIME IN ORGANIZATION AND FINANCING OF WHOLESALE COOPERATIVES IN US, SINCE INDIA VERY WEAK IN THIS REGARD.

- 2. PRABHUDESAI IS VERY CLOSE TO MANIBEN KARA AND S. R. KULKARNI. HE HOPES PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED ON UNION- TO- UNION BASIS THROUGH AFL- CIO AFFILIATES. (KARA AND KULKARNI WOULD APPRECIATE GOLDBERG, AFL- CIO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT BEING INFORMED.) PRABHUDESAI WILL BE TICKETED BOMBAY/ WASHINGTON/ MONTREAL AND RETURN AND IS TRYING TO ARRANGE WITH IFBWW TO HAVE TICKET INCLUDE TRAVEL WITHIN US BUT HE WOULD PROBABLY NEED SOME TRAVEL ASSISTANCE. HE WILL NOT BE ABLE STAY IN US FOR MORE THAN 8-10 DAYS FOLLOWING MONTREAL MEETINGS.
- 3. PRABTUDESAI HAS BEEN ACTIVE TRADE UNIONIST FOR ABOUT

THIRTY YEARS AND HAS SERVED AS TREASURER TRANSPORT AND DOCK WORKERS' UNION SINCE 1949. HAS ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT STATE COUNCIL HIND MAZDOOR SABHA (HMS), VICE PRESIDENT BUILDING MAZDOOR UNION BOMBAY, GENERAL SECRETARY MAHARASHTRA STATE COOPERATIVE AND MARKETING FEDERATION EMPLOYEES' UNION, AND AND TREASURER ALL-INDIA SHIPPING EMPLOYEES' FEDERATION. ALSO HAS WIDE COOPERATIVE EXPERIENCE AND HAS SERVED AS VICE CHAIRMAN GREATER BOMBAY COOPERATIVE HOUSING FEDERATION.

4. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION ON HIS REQUEST AND HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE USEFUL AND INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR HIM. (LABOR COUNSELOR NEW DELHI CONCURS.) BANE

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